TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

Cone Meeting Room
MINUTES – Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Committee Present: James A. Lash, Chairman; Leslie Moriarty, Jeffrey S. Ramer, Leslie L. Tarkington

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; J. W. Fox, Town Attorney; Fernando F. de Arango, Assistant Town Attorney; Katie DeLuca, Town Planner

TNW: Laurence Simon, Chairman, The Nathaniel Witherell Board; Chris Alexander, Director, TNW Financial Operations Department

Board: Michael Mason, BET Chairman; William Drake, Elizabeth K. Krumelich, Arthur Norton, Jill Oberlander; Nancy Weissler

Public: Steve Walko, Chair New Lebanon School Building Committee

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

Mr. Lash welcomed Committee members and attendees. He thanked Committee members for their diligent work on the FY18 Budget; he commented that it had evolved and developed new ideas and solutions.

Requests for Budget Adjustments

ROUTINE APPLICATIONS

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<td>$225,000</td>
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Mr. Alexander explained TNW’s transfer request would cover anticipated budgetary shortfalls in for $205,000 in Nursing Overtime and $20,000 for Insurance through fiscal yearend. TNW proposed to cover these shortfalls with anticipated budgetary surpluses in Supplies and Town Services/Debt Service Object Codes. In explanation, Mr. Alexander remarked that the increased occupancy brought with it additional costs; Mr. Simon added that this was topline revenue versus costs. In the case of Insurance premiums, they were budgeted in December, but the actuals will not be known until June. Mr. Lash agreed that TNW’s shortfalls, paid by the Town, were requiring less support because operations were lessening the cost to the tax payer.

Ms. Tarkington made a motion to approve the requested transfer, seconded by Mr. Ramer. The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a Routine Application.

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Mr. Fox cited multiple department employees’ extended absences due to illness, the complex and successful Eversource siting council defense, and the unanticipated Eversource new application to the siting council that was prompting the request for an additional appropriation for expenses resulting from outside counsel fees through the end of the fiscal year. Ms. DeLuca explained the issues involved with Eversource’s pursuit of the new powerline route and additional substation and the potential risk it would create for the TOG in terms of liability, need, cost and possible environmental damage. Mr. Lash noted the potential danger of the new substation location. During the discussion, Mr. Fox requested that the appropriation be increased to $200,000 as he had completed more due diligence with the outside attorneys and advised that the larger amount would be needed. Mr. Lash asked Mr. Gieger how the expenses of the on-going legal defense would be paid, to which Mr. Gieger replied that Fund Balance would be used.

Mr. Ramer motioned to approve the appropriation of $200,000, seconded by Ms. Tarkington. The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a Non-Routine Application.

Executive Session- Discussion of Pending Litigation

Mr. Lash called for an Executive Session to discuss a litigation settlement.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0 to enter Executive Session at 5:53 P.M.

The Committee exited Executive Session at 6:07 P.M.

NON-ROUTINE APPLICATIONS

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<td>$60,000</td>
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<td>Shimchick v. TOG</td>
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Ms. Tarkington made a motion to recommend a settlement of $60,000 in the Shimchick litigation, seconded by Mr. Ramer. The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the settlement and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a Non-Routine Application.

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion of RTM Budget vote – Mr. Lash began the discussion recognizing the work of the RTM and RTM Budget Overview Committee; the various votes to delete budget items decreased the FY18 proposed budget by $1.825 million. He asked the Committee members their opinion of reducing the Mill Rate 0.5% from 1.99% to 1.49%. He remarked that the RTM was probably expecting the reductions to be reflected in a Mill Rate reduction to benefit the tax payers. The Committee reviewed the amounts that could be returned to the budget at yearend. Increase in revenues due to a higher Grand List after the Board of Assessment Appeals decisions than budgeted, and other normal contingencies that would revert to the General Fund. The deletions
would be clarified by the upcoming meeting of the BET, so the Committee looked forward to further discussion then.

**Approval of BET Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Tarkington made a motion to approve the BET Budget Committee Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2017, seconded by Mr. Ramer. The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the motion.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Tarkington made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 6:20 P.M., seconded by Mr. Ramer. The Committee voted 4-0-0 to adjourn.

Next regular meeting will be June 6, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. in the GHS, MISA Chorus Room #805.

Respectfully submitted,

![Signature]

Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary

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James A. Lash, Chairman.